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# - JULY -SPOTTER SHEET

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My name:

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#### **Rosebay willowherb**

*Chamerion angustifolium* This is a tall plant with a spike of pink-purple flowers. It is found in open woods and waste ground. The long, thin leaves grow on alternating sides along the stem. Another name for this is "fireweed" as it often grows after an area has been burnt to the ground. Great willowherb also has pink flowers but has opposite leaves, and its stems and leaves are hairy. When I found it:

Where I found it:

Cock's-foot

Dactvlis alomerata The flower clusters on this grass are shaped in a triangle and are green, but sometimes have a red/purple tinge. The clusters are said to look like the foot of a chicken or a rooster! The leaves of this tall grass are bluish-green. Look at the base of the stem: if it's flattened, not round, you've found cock's-foot. It grows along roads, lawns, pastures, meadows and rough ground. When I found it:

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## Honeysuckle

Lonicera periclymenum The flowers are shaped like tiny trumpets, pointing outwards from a circle. They are creamy-yellow with reddish edges and have a lovely scent. Honeysuckle climbs up on other plants to give itself support. The leaves grow opposite each other on the stem and are oval-shaped with smooth edges. People could suck the nectar from the base of the flower, hence its name. It is found in woods and hedges. When I found it:

#### Where I found it:



# Foxglove

Digitalis purpurea Foxgloves have a spike of purple-pink, tube-shaped flowers. In fairy-tales, foxes put the flowers over their paws so that they could creep up silently. It has broad pointed leaves that are soft and wrinkled. The plants are poisonous, but when used in exactly the right amount they can be turned into medicine for some kinds of heart problems. Found in woods, hedges and grassy areas. When I found it:

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### **Field Forget- Me- Not** Mvosotis arvensis This has pretty blue 5petalled flowers with yellow centres. They are smaller than the forget-me-nots some people grow in their gardens. It is found on farmland, waste ground and roadsides. It has a ring of leaves at the base as well as leaves that clasp the stem. The green parts that surround the flowers (sepals) have tiny hooked hairs. The plant is softly hairy to touch When I found it:

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